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TO: All Lenders

SUBJ: VA Form 26-8937, Verification of VA Benefit-Related Indebtedness

Before processing a VA home loan involving certain veterans, lenders must submit VA Form 26-8937, Verification of VA Benefit-Related Indebtedness, to the VA office where the loan application and/or closed loan package will be sent. VA will complete and return the form to the lender.

The Lenders Handbook, Chapter 4 provides instructions for Required Search for and Treatment of Debts Owed to the Federal Government.

Immediately following receipt of a loan application lenders must follow the procedures listed below:

Ask the veteran and any veteran co-obligors (including spouse if a veteran) if he or she

- is receiving VA disability benefits
- would be entitled to receive VA disability benefits but for the receipt of retired pay
- has received VA disability benefits in the past, or
- is a surviving spouse of a veteran who died on active duty or as a result of a service-connected disability.

If the veteran falls under one of the above categories, follow the procedures above and discussed under "Debt Related to VA Benefits", in Chapter 4, Lenders Handbook.

Unless the applicant meets one of the above criteria, this form should not be submitted to the Regional Loan Center.

/s/
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